## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN RE: NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYERS' CONCUSSION INJURY LITIGATION No. 12-md-2323 (AB)

MDL No. 2323

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THIS DOCUMENT RELATES TO:

Plaintiffs' Master Administrative Long-Form Complaint and (if applicable) <u>Jones v. National Football League [et al.]</u>, <u>No. 2:12-1027 (E.D. Pa.)</u> SHORT FORM COMPLAINT

IN RE: NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYERS' CONCUSSION INJURY LITIGATION

TIMOTHY L. LESTER and NATALIE LESTER, his wife

**JURY TRIAL DEMANDED** 

## **SHORT FORM COMPLAINT**

- 1. Plaintiff(s), **TIMOTHY L. LESTER**, (and, if applicable, Plaintiff's Spouse) **NATALIE LESTER**, bring(s) this civil action as a related action in the matter entitled IN RE:

  NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE PLAYERS' CONCUSSION INJURY LITIGATION,

  MDL No. 2323.
- 2. Plaintiff (and, if applicable, Plaintiff's Spouse) is/are filing this short form complaint as required by this Court's Case Management Order No. 2, filed April 26, 2012.
- 3. Plaintiff (and, if applicable Plaintiff's Spouse), incorporate(s) by reference the allegations (as designated below) of the Master Administrative Long-Form Complaint, as may be amended, as if fully set forth at length in this Short Form Complaint.

4.	[Fill in if applicable] Pl	laintiff is filing this case in a i	representative capacity as the
	of	, havir	ng been duly appointed as the
	by the	Court of	(Cross out
sentence bel	ow if not applicable.) Cop	pies of the Letters of Adminis	stration/Letters Testamentary
for a wrongf	ul death claim are annexed	hereto if such Letters are req	uired for the commencement
of such a cl	aim by the Probate, Surro	ogate or other appropriate co	urt of the jurisdiction of the
decedent.			

- 5. Plaintiff, **TIMOTHY L. LESTER** is a resident and citizen of **Georgia** and claims damages as set forth below.
- 6. [Fill in if applicable] Plaintiff's spouse, **NATALIE LESTER**, is a resident and citizen of **Georgia** and claims damages as a result of loss of consortium proximately caused by the harm suffered by her Plaintiff husband/decedent.
- 7. On information and belief, the Plaintiff (or decedent) sustained repetitive, traumatic sub-concussive and/or concussive head impacts during NFL games and/or practices. On information and belief, Plaintiff suffers (or decedent suffered) from symptoms of brain injury caused by the repetitive, traumatic sub-concussive and/or concussive head impacts the Plaintiff (or decedent) sustained during NFL games and/or practices. On information and belief, the Plaintiff's (or decedent's) symptoms arise from injuries that are latent and have developed and continue to develop over time.
- 8. [Fill in if applicable] The original complaint by Plaintiff(s) in this matter was filed in the **United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida**. If the case is

remanded, it should be remanded to **United States District Court for the Southern District of Florida**.

Plaintiff claims damages as a result of [check all that apply]:

9.

	<u> </u>	Injury to Herself/Himself			
	_	Injury to the Person Represented			
		Wrongful Death			
		Survivorship Action			
	<u>✓</u>	Economic Loss			
		Loss of Services			
		Loss of Consortium			
10.	[Fill is	n if applicable] As a result of the injuries to her husband TIMOTHY L			
LESTER, Pla	aintiff's	Spouse, NATALIE LESTER, suffers from a loss of consortium			
including the	followi	ng injuries:			
✓ loss	s of mar	ital services;			
✓ los	s of con	npanionship, affection or society;			
✓ loss of support; and					
<u>✓</u> mor	$\underline{\checkmark}$ monetary losses in the form of unreimbursed costs she has had to expend for the health				
care and personal care of her husband.					

11. [Check if applicable] \_\_\_\_ Plaintiff (and Plaintiff's Spouse, if applicable) reserve(s) the right to object to federal jurisdiction.

# **DEFENDANTS**

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12. Plaintiff (and Plaintiff's Spouse, if applicable) bring(s) this case against th	Plaintiff (and Plaintiff's Spouse, if applicable) bring(s) this case against the			
following Defendants in this action [check all that apply]:				
✓ National Football League				
✓ NFL Properties, LLC				
Riddell, Inc.				
All American Sports, Inc. (d/b/a Riddell Sports Group, Inc.)				
Riddell Sports Group, Inc.				
Easton-Bell Sports, Inc.				
Easton-Bell Sports, LLC				
EB Sports Corporation				
RBG Holdings Corporation				
13. [Check where applicable] As to each of the Riddell Defendants reference	<del>d above,</del>			
the claims asserted are: design defect; informational defect; manufacturing of	<del>lefect</del> .			
14. [Check if applicable] The Plaintiff (or decedent) wore one or more h	<del>elmets</del>			
designed and/or manufactured by the Riddell Defendants during one or more years Plaint	iff (or			
decedent) played in the NFL and/or AFL.				

15. Plaintiff played in [check if applicable] ✓ the National Football League ("NFL") and/or in [check if applicable] \_\_\_\_ the American Football League ("AFL") during **1992 to 1999** for the following teams: **Dallas Cowboys, Pittsburgh Steelers and Los Angeles Rams**.

## **CAUSES OF ACTION**

- 16. Plaintiff herein adopts by reference the following Counts of the Master Administrative Long-Form Complaint, along with the factual allegations incorporated by reference in those Counts [check all that apply]:
  - ✓ Count I (Action for Declaratory Relief Liability (Against the NFL))
  - ✓ Count II (Medical Monitoring (Against the NFL))
  - \_\_ Count III (Wrongful Death and Survival Actions (Against the NFL))
  - ✓ Count IV (Fraudulent Concealment (Against the NFL))
  - ✓ Count V (Fraud (Against the NFL))
  - ✓ Count VI (Negligent Misrepresentation (Against the NFL))
  - Count VII (Negligence Pre-1968 (Against the NFL))
  - ✓ Count VIII (Negligence Post-1968 (Against the NFL))
  - ✓ Count IX (Negligence 1987-1993 (Against the NFL))
  - ✓ Count X (Negligence Post-1994 (Against the NFL))
  - ✓ Count XI (Loss of Consortium (Against the NFL and Riddell Defendants))

	<u>✓</u>	Count XII (Negligent Hiring (Against the NFL))
	<u>✓</u>	Count XIII (Negligent Retention (Against the NFL))
	_	Count XIV (Strict Liability for Design Defect (Against the Riddell Defendants))
	_	Count XV (Strict Liability for Manufacturing Defect (Against the Riddell Defendants))
	_	Count XVI (Failure to Warn (Against the Riddell Defendants))
	_	Count XVII (Negligence (Against the Riddell Defendants))
	<u>✓</u>	Count XVIII (Civil Conspiracy/Fraudulent Concealment (Against All-the NFL Defendants))
17.	Plaint	iff asserts the following additional causes of action [write in or attach]:

### **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff (and Plaintiff's Spouse, if applicable) pray(s) for judgment as follows:

- A. An award of compensatory damages, the amount of which will be determined at trial;
- B. For punitive and exemplary damages as applicable;
- C. For all applicable statutory damages of the state whose laws will govern this action;
- D. For medical monitoring, whether denominated as damages or in the form of equitable relief;
- E. For an award of attorneys' fees and costs;
- F. An award of prejudgment interest and costs of suit; and
- G. An award of such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

#### **JURY DEMANDED**

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 38, Plaintiff(s) hereby demand(s) a trial by jury.

DATED: this 11th day of July, 2012.

#### RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED:

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